Word	Definition	Example Sentence	Section
Advocate	n. someone who promotes or defends something	I am an advocate for free higher education.	1
	v. to defend or promote something (usu. a belief, theory, opinion, etc.)	Environmental protesters often advocatefor cleaner energy practices.	1
Afford	v. to be able to buy	He's saving money so he can afford to buy a new car.	1
Clinical	adj. emotionally unattached (usu. used in medical or scientific setting)	Her clinical approach to situations allows her to handle them more effectively.	1
Constitute	v. to form or compose (part of) something	The desire for equality constituted the civil rights movement.	1
Controversial	adj. highly debatable and causing contention	Millions of viewers watched the controversial debate take place.	1
Convey	v. to pass on or transfer (information)	I have trouble conveying my thoughts in French.	1
Counterproductive	adj. hindering the achievement of a goal	Bill's idea to take a shortcut was ultimately counterproductive: it took us twice as long to get to the train station.	1
Doctrine	n. a principle, theory, or position, usu. advocated by a religion or gov't	Devoutly religious people often live their lives according to their doctrines.	1
Dreary	adj. sad, gloomy, dull	The gray clouds in the sky made the day feel dreary.	1
Entail	v. to involve or include	A doctoral program entails long nights and a heavy workload.	1
Entrenched	adj. firmly established	Her face will forever be entrenched in my memory.	1
Fluctuate	v. to be unstable; to rise and fall	Stocks can fluctuate on a daily basis, making it difficult to determine when to buy or sell one.	1
Foment	v. to stir up	The civilians accused their leader of fomenting political unrest.	1
Geriatric	adj. relating to old age	I became interested in geriatric medicine shortly after my grandfather passed away from cancer.	1
Pitiable	adj. deserving pity	The frail-looking dog was pitiable, so I gave it some food and took it inside to care for it.	1
Pragmatic	adj. practical, useful	It's not necessarily more pragmatic to study engineering than it is to study philosophy.	1
	n. a cue to begin something; instructions	I had to write an essay based on a prompt.	1
Prosecute	v. to bring criminal action against someone (in a trial)	The suspect was prosecuted yesterday.	1
Reluctantly	adv. somewhat unwillingly	Max reluctantly agreed to see the horror movie with his friends.	1
Renounce	v. to give up (usu. power or a position)	Our CEO renounced her position yesterday.	1
	v. to cast off	He renounced his friend after he caught her stealing money from him.	1
repudiate	v. to cast off	She repudiated her son once she found out he'd married someone without telling her.	1
sentiment	n. a tender or moving gesture	Even though I'm not a big fan of porcelain dolls, I appreciated the sentiment.	1
Substantial	adj. very large in amount or degree	I was shocked to find a substantial amount of money beneath the park bench.	1
Validate	v. to prove or declare valid	Your selfish actions do not validate your feelings for me.	1
yield	v. to produce or supply	Our experiment yielded many unique-looking vegetables.	1

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Abysmal	adj. extremely bad	I got an abysmal grade on my research paper!	2
Adapt	v. to make suit a new purpose	The US has adapted many foreign foods to better suit the tastes of Americans.	2
Advent	n. the arrival or creation of something (usu. historic)	The world has never been the same since the advent of the light bulb.	2
Ambitious	adj. having a powerful desire for success or achievement	Penny is so ambitious, she wants to be president someday.	2
Ambivalence	n. the state of being uncertain or stuck between two or more options	His ambivalence prevented him from immediately signing the contract.	2
Capitalize	v. to use to your advantage	I'd like to capitalize on your math skills by having your work the cash register.	2
captured	v. to captivate, mesmerize	I was captured by her beauty.	2
Coincide	v. to happen at the same time	It wasn't until after I booked my ticket that I realized the concert coincided with my finals.	2
Condone	v. to overlook, approve, or allow	She couldn't condone her daughter's rebellious behavior.	2
Conviction	n. a firm belief in something	Her religious convictions prevent her from eating meat.	2
Demur	v. to object to	She demurred at my request to transfer to a different department.	2
Incite	v. to encourage or stir up	Her hateful words incited anger in the crowd.	2
Inversion	n. a reversal	The culture's norms were an inversion of our own.	2
modest	adj. small in size or amount	I received a modest sum of money for my help at the company event.	2
Omnipotent	adj. almighty and all powerful	Gods are omnipotent beings who can control human destiny.	2
Opine	v. to openly express an opinion	The new employee opined at the company meeting.	2
Oust	v. to remove or force out of (usu. a position or office)	Sick and tired of putting up with his bad moods, the pirates ousted their captain.	2
Prompt	adj. punctual, on time	She is always prompt when it comes to turning in her homework.	2
Ramify	v. to split into two or more branches	Cars ramified throughout the world in the twentieth century.	2
raw	adj. not processed; uncooked (as in food)	In some countries, such as Japan, it is normal to eat raw fish.	2
Retention	n. the act of keeping something	Water retention can make you weigh more on certain days.	2
Static	adj. motionless	The ball is static.	2
	n. someone lower in rank	My subordinate will check you in.	2
Tentative	adj. not yet finalized	We haven't made any official arrangements yet, but the tentative location for our wedding is Hawaii.	2

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Abstract	adj. existing purely in the mind; not representing actual reality	Julie had trouble understanding the appeal of the abstract painting.	3
Aesthetic	adj. relating to beauty or refined taste	The aesthetic decorations at the wedding reception made you feel as if you were a character in a fairy tale.	3
Agitate	v. to promote something (usu. a cause)	They're agitating for better health care.	3
Allude	v. to make a secretive mention of something	She alluded to the problem at hand but didn't say anything more about it.	3
Altercation	n. a noisy argument or confrontation	Greg got into an altercation with a stranger at the bar.	3
Authenticity	n. the quality of being real and true instead of fake and contrived	The police officer doubted the authenticityof the suspect's story.	3
Bias	n. a preconception that prevents objectivity	It's important to avoid bias when investigating a crime.	3
Comparable	adj. able to be compared	This novel is comparable to Huckleberry Finn.	3
Concede	v. to be forced to agree or surrender	With no chance of winning the battle, the army at last conceded.	3
Conduct	v. to control or manage	The group conducted their research abroad last year.	3
Cultivate	v. to foster the growth of	Teachers don't just pass on new information to students—they cultivate their academic potential.	3
Decree	v. to declare formally and with authority	The president decreed that Halloween would henceforth be a national holiday.	3
Dire	adj. hopeless and dangerous or fearful	When the police didn't explain what was happening right away, Jane knew that the situation must be dire.	3
Discord	n. disagreement	Disputes over money caused intense discord in the family.	3
Disparage	v. to belittle or speak down to	A good boss is stern but never disparageshis or her employees.	3
Envy	n. excessive jealousy	His envy of her is quite obvious.	3
Exploit	v. to use selfishly or for profit	The shoddy company exploited its workers by paying them extremely low wages.	3
Facilitate	v. to aid the progress of	In grad school, advisors facilitate students' research and offer constructive criticism.	3
Fiscal	adj. related to (government) money	Fiscal policy is how the government uses money to influence the economy.	3
Foreseeable	adj. capable of being predicted or anticipated	I can't imagine aliens visiting us in the foreseeable future.	3
Freewheeling	adj. carefree	His freewheeling attitude often got him in trouble at work.	3
Imposing	adj. impressive (esp. in size or appearance)	The old mansion was imposing in its huge size and gothic architecture.	3
Imposition	n. an unnecessary burden	If it's not too much of an imposition, could you proofread my paper?	3
Locomotion	n. movement	Physics involves the study of locomotion.	3
Prohibit	v. to command against, to outlaw	Alcohol was prohibited in the US in the 1920s.	3
Promulgate	v. to put into law or formally declare	The ruler will at last promulgate an amnesty with the neighboring countries.	3
Reconsideration	n. thinking again about a previously made choice	The judges' reconsideration of her performance resulted in her victory.	3
Reform	n. a change for the better; improvement	The reform made it so that only those 18 and older can legally drive.	3
Scrupulous	adj. paying great attention to detail	I am a scrupulous proofreader and never miss an error.	3
Solidarity	n. the joining of commonalities or common purposes among a group	I stood in solidarity with other female students by refusing to wear the school's sexist uniform.	3
Spawn	v. to release eggs	Frogs typically spawn in ponds.	3
Subtle	adj. hard to detect or analyze	I detected in her expression a subtle hint of irritation.	3
Sufficient	adj. enough; just meeting a requirement	These boxes should be sufficient for our move.	3

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Susceptible	adj. to be vulnerable (to something)	Children are more susceptible to certain illnesses than adults are.	4
Adapt	v. to accommodate oneself to a new condition, setting, or situation	Dogs are known for their ability to quickly adapt to their environments.	4
Adversarial	adj. relating to hostile opposition	An adversarial attitude will make you many enemies in life.	4
Austere	adj. extremely plain	He lived in a small, austere cabin in the middle of the woods.	4
Bittersweet	adj. tinged with a feeling of sadness	The ending of the romance movie was bittersweet.	4
Candor	n. the trait of being honest and frank	I admire her candor, especially when nobody else bothers to speak up.	4
capture	v. to catch or seize	The cops captured the criminal three days after the incident.	4
Complement	v. to make perfect or complete	This wine perfectly complements this platter of gourmet cheese.	4
Conducive	adj. able to bring about or be suitable for	The noisy students hardly made the campus library conducive to studying.	4
Confide	v. to share something secretive with someone	She confided all of her biggest secrets in her best friend.	4
Contradict	v. to be in contrast with	The camera footage contradicts his alibi.	4
Dilemma	n. a problem, usually requiring a choice between two options	The main dilemma is whether to pay for a commercial or not.	4
Egregious	adj. extremely bad	After cheating on the exam, Emily began to feel as though she'd made an egregiousmistake.	4
Emit	v. to discharge, give forth, or release	Plants consume carbon dioxide and emitoxygen.	4
Emphatic	adj. very expressive; using emphasis	Her emphatic smile told me she was excited to ride the roller coaster.	4
Enumerate	v. to specify or count	I can't enumerate how many times I've had to remind my students when their papers are due.	4
Erratic	adj. having no fixed course; deviating from the norm	The car became erratic after slipping on ice.	4
Establish	v. to enact	They established a law that made it illegal to drive after drinking any amount of alcohol.	4
	v. to found (a business, group, school, etc.)	Our group established a new branch in Chicago.	4
Lament	v. to feel sorrow for; to mourn	Susan lamented her missed chance at going to Europe with her high school class.	4
Melodramatic	adj. extravagant or exaggerated (as of a melodrama)	The melodramatic play was well liked by the audience.	4
Objectivity	n. judgment based on observations instead of emotions or opinions	In scientific research, objectivity is of utmost importance.	4
Perish	v. to die; to pass away	According to the news, nobody perished in the fire.	4
Precedent	n. an example or subject from earlier in time	This change in law is without historical precedent.	4
Predecessor	n. someone who comes before you (usu. in position or office)	My predecessor gave me many tips for running the office.	4
Principle	n. basic truth, assumption, or rule	Remember the universal principle: treat others as you want them to treat you.	4
Spur	v. to stimulate or incite	Her bravery spurred others to act.	4
Taut	adj. pulled tight	The rubberband was taut and ready to be fired.	4
Unadorned	adj. undecorated, plain	Though the dress was cheap and unadorned, it was by far her favorite one on the rack.	4
Unveil	v. to make visible; to reveal	We plan to unveil our plans for the new company project on Sunday.	4

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Acquisition	n. the act of gaining a skill or possession of something	Language acquisition is easier for kids than it is for adults.	5
Annihilate	v. to destroy or cause devastating destruction	The dictator sent orders to annihilate the group of rebels.	5
Anomaly	n. something different from the norm	This result is an anomaly and very rarely happens.	5
Artificial	adj. something made; not occurring naturally	Many candies use artificial flavors to make them taste fruity.	5
Avenue	n. an intangible path or approach to something	The company has decided to pursue other avenues.	5
Consensus	n. overall agreement	After weeks of debating, the panel finally came to a consensus.	5
demonstrate	v. gives evidence for	This book's use of words such as "grim" and "bleak" demonstrates the author's mournful tone.	5
Devise	v. to come up with (a plan)	Lana devised a plan to make herself famous.	5
Dispatch	v. to send off a message or messenger	The mother dispatched her daughter to their neighbor's house.	5
Dominion	n. power and authority (usu. over a territory)	The country claimed to have dominion over parts of Russia.	5
Endure	v. to withstand, sustain, or hold out against	I can't endure this wait any longer. Will Stanford accept or reject me?	5
	v. to admire and be jealous of	She envies her coworker's social skills.	5
Evoke	v. to draw forth or call up	Horror movies are great at evoking fear.	5
Exacerbate	v. to make worse or increase the severity of	The doctor told me not to run as it can exacerbate my knee injury.	5
Galvanizing	adj. thrilling, exciting, stimulating	The galvanizing performance left everyone spellbound.	5
Impart	v. to transmit, bestow, or disclose	Parents must impart common sense to their children.	5
Imprudent	adj. not cautious or prudent; rash	Backpacking abroad can be fun, but don't be imprudent about money.	5
Indifference	n. apathy, emotional detachment	The girl's indifference toward her brother upset their parents.	5
Indulge	v. to give into; to satisfy or gratify	My friend loves to indulge in cheesy romance movies.	5
Innovative	adj. novel or new (esp. as an idea or invention)	Her invention was incredibly innovativeand won her multiple awards.	5
Invoke	v. to call on; to appeal to (e.g., a higher power)	The shaman attempted to invoke a demon.	5
Petulant	adj. cranky, pouty, irritable	Petulant children are especially difficult to care for.	5
Rash	adj. without attention to danger or risk	Her rash decision to pass the car nearly resulted in a crash.	5
Readily	adv. right away and without difficulty	Water was readily available at different points in the race.	5
Repudiate	v. to refuse to recognize as true	The father repudiated his son's marriage.	5
Scandalous	adj. morally offensive, often causing damage to one's reputation	The scandalous politician decided it was best to resign from office.	5
Scorn	v. to look down on with disdain	It's difficult for me not to scorn those who use improper grammar.	5
Sentiment	n. opinion	I am of the sentiment that you should never give out your passwords to anyone.	5
static	adj. changeless	Her life has been static for the past three years.	5
Subsequently	adv. happening later or after something	I subsequently went home.	5
Ubiquitous	adj. being everywhere at once	Cell phones are ubiquitous these days.	5
Unilateral	adj. one-sided	The unilateral decision was deemed unfair by the other party involved.	5
Urge	n. desire or impulse	He had the urge to tell his parents about his acceptance to Columbia but decided against it.	5

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bear	v. to have (a child)	Judy will bear her first child last year.	6
Capture	v. to trap or take possession of	The spy was captured by the enemy.	6
	v. to successfully represent or imitate	Your painting beautifully captures the ephemerality of life.	6
Contend	v. to maintain or assert (an opinion)	The president contends that the US government will not negotiate with terrorists.	6
Desolate	adj. bare, barren, empty	The moon is one giant, desolate landscape.	6
Diminish	v. to become smaller in scope or degree	The itchiness of mosquito bites usually starts to diminish after a few days.	6
	n. a legal territory	Puerto Rico is a dominion of the US.	6
Indiscriminately	adv. randomly; with little or no distinction	Lottery winners are chosen indiscriminately.	6
Momentous	adj. historically significant	Her win in the election was momentous.	6
Potent	adj. having great influence	The bald eagle is a potent symbol of the US.	6
Raw	adj. unrefined	He's got raw talent as a singer, but he needs to work on his performance skills.	6
Refute	v. to prove to be untrue, unfounded, or incorrect	The student refuted the professor's claim in class.	6
Reinforce	v. to strengthen or add support to	We can use these pipes to reinforce the structure.	6
Reproach	v. to criticize	The mother reproached her daughter's school for making students come in during a blizzard.	6
Scrutinize	v. to examine carefully and critically	The teacher scrutinized her students' essays.	6
Surly	adj. unfriendly; inclined to anger	The bartender was a surly fellow who wasn't afraid to start a fight.	6
Surmount	v. to get on top of or overcome	They managed to surmount the language barrier by using a translation app.	6
Tactful	adj. skilled at dealing with people	Her tactful attitude toward our class made her one of my favorite teachers.	6
Temperament	n. usual mood or feelings	She had a hostile temperament, making her intimidating to most people.	6
Treacherous	adj. dangerous and unstable	The journey was becoming treacherous,but they continued on regardless.	6
Undulate	v. to move as ripples or in a wavy pattern	Belly dancers are known for their ability to skillfully undulate their stomachs.	6
Yield	n. production of an amount	The farmer's annual pumpkin yield exceeded 10,000.	6

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Adept	adj. having knowledge or skill (usu. in a particular area)	Beth loves playing the piano, but she's especially adept at the violin.	7
Allow	v. to permit or consent to	US law allows citizens to speak freely.	7
Anticipate	v. assume to be likely to happen	The party was just as fun as I had anticipated it would be.	7
austere	adj. stern and forbidding	My boss had an austere expression on her face.	7
	adj. relating to self-denial	An austere lifestyle, like that of monks, isn't for everybody.	7
bear	v. to bring forth	My garden is going to bear pumpkins this year.	7
Bolster	v. to support, strengthen, or fortify	If we work together, we should be able to lift and then bolster the couch.	7
Candid	adj. direct, blunt	Josh is candid about his desire to become an actor.	7
	adj. lacking refinement or sophistication	The queen's coarse way of speaking surprised the other members of royalty.	7
Competent	adj. sufficiently qualified	We need to hire a competent web developer to create a good website for our company.	7
	v. to admit to a transgression	Dan conceded to pranking his sister.	7
Culmination	n. the final act or climax	The culmination of the performance was unforgettable.	7
Deficient	adj. not enough in degree or amount	I feel as though the sources for my paper are deficient.	7
dismayed	v. to fill with woe or apprehension	Many were dismayed by the town's implementation of metered parking.	7
Dubious	adj. doubtful, questionable	The man's claims to the throne were dubious since nobody knew where he'd come from.	7
Eminent	adj. superior or distinguished; high in position or status	Our town made news when the eminentmagician came to perform at our local theater.	7
Excel	v. to do something extremely well or to be superior in	She was a well-rounded student but excelled especially in science.	7
Exert	v. to put into use (usu. as effort)	Don't exert all of your energy at once.	7
Exhilarating	adj. invigorating, stimulating, or exciting	The music playing at the club was catchy and exhilarating.	7
Hostile	adj. harmful, dangerous	The voices around the corner sounded angry, hostile even.	7
Hypothetical	adj. supposed; related to a hypothesis	For my physics homework, I must come up with a hypothetical situation.	7
Infer	v. to guess, conclude, or derive by reasoning	You can infer from this quotation that the writer didn't care for "pretty" language.	7
Modify	v. to change, alter, or tweak	Dr. Nguyen modified the gene so that it wouldn't carry the disease.	7
Null	adj. legally void and ineffective	The government declared their marriage null.	7
Onset	n. the beginning or early stages	At the onset of her career as a lawyer, things were looking up.	7
Ornate	adj. highly detailed and decorated	That ornate silverware must be worth thousands of dollars!	7
Prescribe	v. to command orders	The directions for our essay prescribe a length of at least ten pages.	7
Provocative	adj. intending to provoke, inspire, or arouse	Her nude paintings are considered quite provocative.	7
Quantitative	adj. involving quantities (numbers and amounts)	We must conduct a quantitative analysis.	7
Sheer	adj. so thin that light can shine through	The curtains on the window were so sheeryou could clearly see inside the house.	7
Simple	adj. easy; not complex	This math problem is so simple even a first grader can solve it.	7
Sinister	adj. ominous, evil	Medieval peasants believed sinisterdemons could harm humans.	7

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Squalid	adj. run-down, sordid, or sleazy	The squalid cabin needed a new roof and an exterminator.	7
transparent	adj. truthful or easy to perceive	She was transparent about her plans to end her marriage.	7
Tremendous	adj. very large, good, or bad in degree or size	Tremendous news! You don't have to repay your loans!	7
Unjust	adj. unfair; not justified	The court's decision is unjust—he should not go free.	7

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Accordingly	adv. in accordance with	All students must behave accordingly.	8
	v. to be able to spare	I can't afford to lose any more pencils!	8
Antipathy	n. a strong feeling of dislike	Her antipathy toward the professor was obvious: she rolled her eyes whenever he entered the classroom.	8
Apprehension	n. fearful expectation of something	Her apprehension to leave her house resulted in her missing the train.	8
Avid	adj. actively interested in or enthusiastic about something	Gerald is an avid soccer fan.	8
Basic	adj. relating to the foundation or basis of something	You have to start with basic Russian before you can move on to the advanced level.	8
Bear	v. to have as a characteristic	She bears a strong resemblance to your mother.	8
boost	v. to increase or make grow	In order to boost profits, you need to cater to your customers.	8
Commission	n. the use of payment to request something (e.g., a service or product)	This painting was commissioned by a rich merchant in 1589.	8
Confine	v. to put limits on; to restrict	We are going to confine the use of this drinking fountain.	8
Counteract	v. to work in opposition to	This ingredient seems to counteract the other ones.	8
Counterargument	n. an argument used to criticize or dismantle another argument	Make sure to include a counterargumentin your essay so that you can show you've considered the topic from all perspectives.	8
Empirical	adj. derived from experience, observation, or an experiment	You need empirical evidence to support your claim.	8
Expend	v. to use up (as in energy or money)	Be careful not to expend all your energy in the first half of a marathon.	8
Frankly	adv. directly, clearly	I frankly don't see the point in learning to drive.	8
Lucrative	adj. capable of making a lot of money; profitable	Writing books isn't a particularly lucrativecareer, unless you're J.K. Rowling.	8
Malleable	adj. capable of being molded or changed	Children's minds are malleable but only for so long.	8
Materialistic	adj. superficial; focus on material possessions	Many people accuse Americans of being materialistic.	8
Modest	adj. simple and humble	They moved into a modest house in the countryside.	8
Novel	adj. new, innovative	We are looking for novel ways to approach the project.	8
Obsolete	adj. no longer used; rare or uncommon	Historians assumed record players would be obsolete by now, but in fact they're making a huge comeback.	8
Peculiar	adj. strange, bizarre	Upon entering the abandoned house, Kate experienced a peculiar feeling, as if someone was watching her.	8
Persecute	v. to cause suffering to	They will persecute anyone who doesn't agree with their views of the world.	8
Quirk	n. a strange habit	His biggest quirk is his love of old marbles.	8
Satiated	adj. satisfied (usu. in hunger)	I felt satiated after eating a snack.	8
Savvy	adj. having practical intelligence or knowledge	My brother is not very savvy when it comes to using public transportation.	8
Secrete	v. to produce or release (a substance)	Trees secrete a sticky substance called sap.	8
Stark	adj. very plain; devoid of any details or features	Looking out at the stark landscape, I felt a keen sense of isolation.	8
Underscore	v. to emphasize or give additional weight to	This sentence seems to underscore the overall meaning of the passage.	8
Unprecedented	adj. completely new and never having happened before; historic	The number of protestors was unprecedented.	8
Viability	n. ability to be done in a practical or useful way	The viability of the solution is questionable.	8
Vital	adj. urgently necessary	It is vital that you respond by the deadline.	8

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Vow	v. to promise	My brother quickly broke his vow to never eat chocolate again.	9
Abate	v. to become less active, less intense, or less in amount	As I began my speech, my feelings of nervousness quickly abated.	9
Adequate	adj. having sufficient qualifications to meet a specific task or purpose	Though his resume was adequate, the company doubted whether he'd be a good fit.	9
Analogous	adj. similar but not identical	Green onions are considered analogous to spring onions.	9
Apex	n. the highest point of something	The spring play was the apex of our school year.	9
Articulate	v. to clearly express in words	She articulated her opinion on the price of the house.	9
Assertion	n. a strong declaration	His assertion that sharks are mammals made everyone laugh.	9
Clout	n. special advantage or power	Children of rich and famous people often believe they have a lot of clout.	9
Conceive	v. to imagine or come up with	The plan to build the city was originally conceived in the early 1900s.	9
Contemplate	v. to think deeply about	She contemplated telling her teacher about the cheating student.	9
Conventional	adj. abiding by accepted standards	She lives a conventional life in the suburbs.	9
Corroborate	v. to provide evidence for; to back up (a claim)	The note signed by her father corroboratesher claim that she was absent from class that day.	9
Deference	n. respect; regard	Her deference to the elderly makes her the perfect candidate for an internship at the retirement center.	9
Demonstrate	v. to do as an example	Could you demonstrate the dance move for me?	9
Deplete	v. to (over)use over time (usu. resources)	The lost campers quickly depleted their supply of food.	9
Disdain	n. a lack of respect and strong dislike (toward something or someone)	He looked at me with such disdain that I immediately knew the job wouldn't work out.	9
Dismay	n. hopelessness, stress, or consternation	To Nick's dismay, he got an F on the test.	9
Eccentric	adj. peculiar or odd; deviating from the norm	She's a little eccentric but still fun to be around.	9
Eloquent	adj. having refined or expressive communication skills (in speaking or writing)	His speech was not only eloquent but also extremely compelling.	9
Ferocity	n. viciousness, violence	The lion is just one wild animal known for its ferocity.	9
Flourish	v. to prosper, grow, or make fast progress	After one year, the tiny plants had flourished into a breathtaking garden.	9
Ignominious	adj. publicly shameful or humiliating	The politician's expensive campaign ultimately ended in ignominious defeat.	9
Impartiality	n. the equal and objective treatment of opposing views	To ensure impartiality, we require everyone to follow these general guidelines.	9
Nuance	n. a subtle difference in meaning	Body-language experts even understand the nuances of facial expressions.	9
Paramount	adj. predominant, superior, most important	Our paramount concern is the safety of our employees.	9
potent	adj. having a strong, chemical effect	The potion was definitely potent—it healed my wounds immediately!	9
reform	v. to improve via change	The government reformed its vague policies	9
simple	adj. undecorated	The simple beauty of the ocean is what makes it memorable.	9
spawn	v. to call forth or generate	The topic spawned an ongoing debate among his family members.	9
Subordinate	adj. lower in rank	The subordinate officers work every day.	9
	v. to make dependent on or put at a lower rank	You aren't my boss—you can't subordinateme to the role of receptionist!	9
Undermine	v. to weaken or subvert (usu. gradually or secretly)	Parents should take care not to constantly undermine their children.	9

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Unmitigated	adj. downright, utter, total	My speech was an unmitigated disaster!	10
Warrant	v. to prove to be reasonable	Wanting to look cool in front of your friends doesn't warrant breaking the law.	10
Ambiguous	adj. unclear or vague in meaning	Her ambiguous statement made me question whether she could be trusted.	10
	v. to put up with	I can't bear her complaining any longer!	10
Benevolent	adj. kind, generous	Many cultures believe in benevolent spirits.	10
Boost	n. an increase or growth	The boost in profits was a welcome change.	10
Brawl	n. an intense, loud fight	A brawl broke out at school today after one student accused another of cheating.	10
	v. to fight loudly and disruptively	The two students brawled for an hour.	10
Brevity	n. the quality of being brief or terse	The brevity of their time together made it all the more romantic.	10
Civic	adj. relating to the city or citizens	Voting is a civic duty.	10
Coarse	adj. indicating a rough texture	The horse's mane was coarse, as if it had never been washed.	10
Complacent	adj. satisfied, with no desire to change or improve	Though he had never won any awards or even been published, he was complacentwith his life as a poet.	10
	v. to behave a certain way	Be sure to conduct yourself accordingly.	10
Diligence	n. conscientiousness; the quality of being committed to a task	Diligence and confidence will get you far in life.	10
Diversification	n. the act of becoming diverse	Lately, there's been noticeable diversification of students at higher institutions.	10
Endow	v. to equip or bestow (usu. a quality or ability)	According to the myth, the gods endowedhim with the gift of healing.	10
Feasibility	n. the practicality or possibility of something	The feasibility of her project was doubtful; she'd have to go all the way to Antarctica and back before the school year ended.	10
Fundamental	adj. the most essential or most basic part	A thesis is arguably the most fundamentalpart of an essay.	10
Insatiable	adj. can't be satisfied	A vampire's thirst for blood is said to be insatiable.	10
Irreconcilable	adj. incapable of being in harmony or agreed upon	The couple's differences were ultimately irreconcilable, giving them no choice but to break up.	10
Malicious	adj. harmful, spiteful	The malicious spirit drove out the inhabitants from their home.	10
Pinnacle	n. highest level or degree	Many believe that composers such as Beethoven and Mozart represent the pinnacle of classical music.	10
Plausible	adj. reasonable and possibly true	Her story is plausible, but that doesn't mean she's telling the truth.	10
Postulate	v. to assert	The literary critic postulates that romanticism and naturalism are actually interconnected.	10
prescribe	v. to issue authorization for medications	A doctor must prescribe you this medication before you can begin taking it.	10
prompt	v. to incite, propel, or cause to act	The possibility of a scholarship promptedhim to apply to Harvard.	10
Qualitative	adj. involving qualities of something (features and content)	I noticed a qualitative change in her paintings.	10
Sparingly	adv. insufficiently, meagerly, or in a restricted manner	Due to my condition, I must eat salt sparingly.	10
Substantiate	v. to strengthen with new evidence or facts	It is important for scientists to substantiatetheir theories whenever possible.	10
Teeming	adj. abundantly filled (usu. with living organisms)	Doorknobs are not as clean as they look and are often teeming with germs.	10

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Transparent	adj. see-through; so thin that light can shine through	Stained window glass isn't as transparentas regular window glass is.	10
urge	v. to encourage or persuade	She urged her sister to apply to Stanford.	10
yield	v. to give way to or surrender to	Cars turning right on red must yield to oncoming traffic.	10